

Election FAQs

HOW MUCH WILL BE AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$20M of the \$132M of the 2016 CIP will be used for IT upgrades and economic development for the City.

HOW MUCH TO BE SPENT IN EACH?

No exact division of available funding has been set for either area (IT or economic development) at this time. This is intentional to allow the Lawton City Council the ability to work closely with LEDC to gauge future opportunities as they emerge and to best appropriate funding on a case-by-case basis. Council will also continue collaboration with Landmark Technology Solutions, IT staff and City management to prioritize technology needs and the practicality of implementing new systems or programs this coming year.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE SEE DROUGHT?

There are 3 phases of the AWS Project. It should be noted that portions of the first two phases of the AWS Project have already begun or are already in process and they will be completed regardless of potential future drought conditions. Phase 1 & 2 are expected to be completed in 2022/23. Currently all lakes are at full capacity. However, if aggregate lake levels drop below 50 percent between 2019 and 2026, Lawton City Council may complete the final phase of the AWS Project by working with the assistance of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. This phase – the construction of the treatment process to utilize alternative water – would take approximately 12-15 additional months to finish.

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January 2019 Proposition

Investing in Our Future



THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

of the 2016 Sales Tax Ordinance was unanimously approved to go to a vote of the people by Lawton City Council. It entails the use of a portion of funds allocated for alternative water sources to make much needed upgrades for the City's IT systems and programs, and helping create "shovel-ready" sites for industries wanting to locate Lawton.

The proposition to allow additional uses of the 2016 Capital Improvements Sales Tax will go to a vote of the people on **January 8, 2019.**

EARLY VOTING: 1/3 & 1/4 | DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR MAIL BALLOT: 1/2

THREE TOPMOST PRIORITIES >>> SIMULTANEOUS PROGRESSION

ALTERNATIVE WATER RESOURCES

Work on the Alternative Water Resources (AWR) Project for Lawton will continue. Over the next four years, the water wells will be designed and constructed, and the pipeline from the well sites to the SE Water Treatment Plant will also be constructed. The alternative water treatment process will be designed and placed on the shelf – fully ready to bid as part of the 2026 CIP or if drought conditions return and Lawton City Council deems it necessary to move forward with the project.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Months of critical examination, following the City's partnership with Landmark Technology Solutions after a 2017 network crash, have revealed that major upgrades and integration are needed in the areas of securing and stabilizing digital services – email, office platforms and ITSM – as well as significant City-wide projects, to include Public Safety Facility technology needs, Digital Court System and CAD (EMS – Dispatch) improvements, or Enterprise Resource Planning replacement.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Infrastructure to advance local industrial development is vital to improving our economy. The Lawton Economic Development Corporation has studied the wants and needs of businesses interested in coming to the Lawton community and the greatest need was "shovel-ready" sites – which means land that is equipped with utilities and nearby railways ready to be built on and ideal for handling incoming goods. Funds from the amended ordinance would go toward infrastructure and related improvements necessary in these types of advancements.

Adding 350 jobs in the manufacturing sector would yield increased tax revenue of approximately

\$29M

over a 5-year period.

WATER REMAINS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR OUR CITY LEADERSHIP.

AS OUR COMMUNITY HAS OTHER URGENT NEEDS AS WELL, HOWEVER, LEADERSHIP MUST EVALUATE AND PRIORITIZE THOSE NEEDS RESPONSIBLY IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO OPERATE AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS PROPOSITION VOTE WILL ALLOW CITIZENS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON NEWLY EMERGED NEEDS OF THE CITY.

The main goal of the Alternative Water Sources Project was to supplement the existing surface water supply to increase the City's water supply by 10 MGD. We have accomplished nearly half of our initial goal through conservation efforts – as we averaged 19.5 MGD during the height of the drought and now consume, on average, only 14.7 MGD per day.

